

**United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations  
Project Request Summary**

**Subcommittee, Agency and Account Information**

**Subcommittee**

Transportation, HUD

**Agency**

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

**Account**

IM - Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

**Project Information**

**Project Name**

Interstate 294 (Tri-State Tollway) at Interstate 57 Interchange

**Project Description**

Request \$50,000,000 for right-of-way, design and construction of the I-294/I-57 interchange. The construction of this interchange would improve interstate and regional travel by reducing travel times and helping to foster commerce in the Chicago south suburban corridor.

**Amount Requested**

\$50,000,000

**State/Local Share of project cost**

90% or \$0

**How much of the request can be spent in this fiscal year?**

\$50,000,000

**If this is a highway request, is the project on the State's transportation improvement plan (STIP)?**

Yes

**If this is a highway, transit, rail, or aviation request, did you check eligibility with the State DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA?**

Yes

**If yes, did the State DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA indicate the project is eligible under the account requested?**

Yes

**If this is an FHWA request, is the project considered by the State and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs?**

Yes

**Please include with the letter you deliver to the subcommittee a letter of support from these officials, and if you cannot, in this field explain why not**

**Intended Recipient of Funds**

Illinois Tollway Authority

2700 Ogden Ave.

Downers Grove, IL 60515

**Is the recipient a for-profit entity?**

No

**Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)**

Currently, I294/I57 is one of only two locations in the country where two interstate highways cross, but do not have an access interchange. The construction of this interchange would improve interstate and regional travel, by reducing travel times. More importantly, it is viewed by the region as an economic development project that would help foster commerce in Chicago's south suburbs. Economic development benefits would be measured by the number of jobs created/supported and the number of businesses created/supported. The Tollway is pursuing a program to allocate \$500-million toward the construction of this project.